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# Boulder City Sunrise Rotary

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## Bert's Big Trip

By Roving reporter Bert Hanson  
On February 02, 2010, I purchased Prez Paul's gift in Jokkmokk, Sweden at the Sami Winter Market. Reindeer head skins were marketed as cushions when sitting on ice during winter activities. Maybe a picnic huh?

The Rotary Club of Gällivare (pronounced Yellivare) Dist. 2320, was founded in 1951 and has 65 members. I was fortunate that the club meeting was held at the Grand Hotel Lapland because that is where I was staying. The meetings are held at 12 noon so I was anxious not to be late. I asked Anna Melissa Hardy to be my guest as she accompanied me to Sweden as my employee and driver.

The club seems to be made up of older males who are not as comfortable speaking English as some of its younger members; that included club president Börje Johansson. A chiropractor, Ingela Steen introduced herself and we sat together during the meeting. The program for that day concerned a Parents Against Drugs Organization, to which the Gallivare Rotary donated 5,000 SEK or about \$693.

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Sunrise Rotarian Bert Hanson recently visited The Rotary Club of Gällivare (pronounced Yellivare) in Sweden. He brought back many gifts for President Paul including a Rotary Club exchange flag.



Bert was probably telling Rotarian Lars Turdell and friends some of the great stories, only he can tell.

**Boulder City Sunrise Rotary members  
Thank you so much for the grant money for Bobcat Boutique. Due to your support, Garrett Jr High is able to continue to provide for needy families.  
Jana Erikson**

**My sincere appreciation for your donation to the fundraiser for a bone marrow transplant. Your caring and support continues to give me hope and strength. Thank you so much.  
A Grateful Ann Zapolski**

When I asked if there were any Paul Harris Fellows in the club, they didn't know what I was talking about. When I asked about club fund raisers, they did not seem to have any so perhaps the 5,000 SEK came from member donations. I also learned from Ingela that you do not sit in another member's seat.

There was another visitor at the Rotary meeting besides us, but it was apparent that they do not often have visitors because they had no way to collect the money for the meal (Their club secretary was out with the flu). Someone hurried to a closet in the building and retrieved a flag for us.

One gregarious club member Lars Turdell, asked us to attend a ski club event that he was hosting on the street that evening. It was a clear cold night (-22<sup>o</sup>). Upon arriving at the scene of this event we found two tepee like structures, called a laavu in Sami. In the larger one they had a grill set up and were selling hamburgers and snacks; the smaller one was used as a changing room for a group of young men having a party in a giant hot tub in the middle of the street. Clouds of steam arose from the wooden



tub as these young lions bobbed up and down in the tub. They immediately took a liking to Anna Melissa and she received many offers that were politely ignored. At times one of the young men would emerge and make a mad dash for a nearby building.

The day before our departure, Lars asked us to dinner at his home. We were able to meet a Rotary Exchange student from Australia that he is hosting. We were treated to thinly sliced moose meat in a gravy sauce with riced potatoes. I did not tell him that earlier in the day, I had lunch with another family which featured the same thing only reindeer. That is the day I ate Bambi and Bull-



winkle.

The Swedish flag is normally not displayed as is the American Flag in the United States. Although we may have differences in our personal beliefs, we demonstrate pride in our nation. That does not happen in many foreign countries. Many countries also do not demonstrate their religious belief by public prayer. Sweden is among those who do not.

In conclusion, Although I have made comments specific to their club, I have attended Rotary clubs here in the states that share the same traits. (I even belonged to one). I feel pride in the fact that we have the esprit de corps that exists in the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club. I think we are lucky indeed and I know that RI's appreciation of District 5300 is well deserved.



## From the Mailbox

To everyone in Rotary

Thank you so much for thinking of us on the holidays. It is truly a pleasure to serve you every Thursday.

You are a wonderful group of people!

Thank you again

Jodi and Jessica-Boulder Creek